



Executive Office of Public Safety and Security

Public Safety Broadband Office

Notice of Intent to Publish a Request for Response for a Massachusetts Wireless Public Safety Broadband Radio Access Network

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The Public Safety Broadband Office of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) intends to publish a Request for Response (RFR) in the next few months for a partner to **build, deploy, operate, and maintain a statewide Public Safety LTE Radio Access Network (RAN) in Massachusetts**. The Massachusetts RAN must meet the requirements for and fully interoperate with the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) National Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN). The Massachusetts RFR will be consistent with the objectives of the FirstNet Request for Proposal for a network that covers urban, suburban, and rural areas and meets public safety's information and communications technology needs.

FirstNet is required to develop and present each state with details of the proposed buildout of the NPSBN, including its proposed plan for building the RAN in that state. Massachusetts has not yet decided whether to accept FirstNet's Massachusetts State Plan or to opt-out and pursue its own Radio Access Network deployment. The intent of this RFR is to provide an alternative to the anticipated FirstNet State Plan and to support the Governor's decision on how best to implement the wireless public-safety broadband network in Massachusetts.

This notice and any subsequent procurement will be managed by the Public Safety Broadband Office (PSBO) within EOPSS. The point of contact for this notice and for any future related solicitation will be Scott Bailey, Project Manager. He can be reached at scott.bailey@state.ma.us.

*This procurement is subject to the World Trade Organization Government Procurement Agreement, established January 1, 1996, to encourage worldwide trade by ensuring fairness, non-discrimination, and equal treatment of laws, regulations and procedures in the government procurement process. **This is an announcement only – not a request for response.***

EOPSS intends to post an official Request for Response (RFR) for the aforementioned services and to require online response submission via COMMBUYS, the Commonwealth's official procurement system. Please do not contact the purchaser with questions about the anticipated Bid. Bidders are solely responsible to monitor this site for amendments to this announcement, if any, and for the complete Bid posting, if any. Bidders may monitor the site through publicly accessible search and browse tools or through COMMBUYS email notification and record tracking tools by ensuring the commodity codes associated with this record are included in the

commodity codes section of their COMMBUYS profile. Bidders may elect to subscribe to COMMBUYS immediately or wait until they have reviewed the complete Bid posting, including the RFR and its amendments, if any. Bidders who elect to establish a COMMBUYS account must select the Register link on www.COMMBUYS.com and complete the online subscription process.